

The first steam Sawmill in the county was brought here and operated by John Turner and Thomas Nicol it was set up first in Center Creek Canyon and was a great benefit to the people in building homes, barns and sheds and it furnished labor for men and teams hauling timbers and lumber to Park City and the mines near by. <sup>Denton</sup> Wm. A. Moulton also started a milk ranch and butchering business that furnished a market for beef, mutton and other farm products and also labor for quite a number of our young people. Park City and the mines around there was fairly good market for hay, oats, butter, eggs and potatoes and money began to be more plentiful and people could make more improvements in their homes and in their general conditions of living from that time forward.

<sup>hose</sup> T. S. Watson we believe ran the first daily stage between Heber and Park City. Later Luke and Hatch took up that business and also the Murdock brothers later E. J. Duke engaged in that business and finally got contract from the government to carry a daily mail between Park City and Heber. He has held up that business up to the present in all sorts of weather often in very cold disagreeable weather. Prices for farm product were very low at <sup>that</sup> time. Wheat sold as low as 60¢ per bushel and hay 10 and 12 dollars per ton in Park City. Butter and eggs 25¢ to 30¢ and potatoes 35 to 50¢.

The stake Tabernacle was <sup>finished</sup> built in 1867 and cost near \$30,000.00 it was built by donation all the people in the stake, donating their quaca towards building it. President Hatch superintended the building of it. Elisha Averett was in charge of the mason work and Alex Fortie of the carpenter work and Francis Kirby did the painting. It was quite a big under taking for the people of the Stake at that time but people of the stake at that time were generally ready and willing to do their share. The meetings and Sundays schools of both wards were held together in the Stake house up till 1902. It was about 1885 when most of the raids were made on the polygamists only 2 men from Heber, John M. and Joseph S. Murdock were

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